

BY THE NUMBERS

Love and Logic®

10 classes with 240 participants. 94% of participants reported improved positive interactions in their parent/child relationship.

"I Can Make a Difference" Anti-Bullying Program

138 workshops facilitated for 3,128 K, 5th and 6th students, with 95% or more achieving comprehension. 163 students reported a conflict and met with a school counselor.

Internet Safety

3 workshops with 124 participants, with 99% reporting the workshop was a good use of their time.

Parent University

"An Early Childhood Adventure" was held at Paradise Park. 118 adults participated. 100% of the participants said they would return to a future program.

Student Assistance Program

1,074 students served. A licensed therapist was hired to provide counseling for students who were identified with behavioral health issues in three elementary schools.

Bi-annual Drug Take-Back Days

1,608 pounds collected at seven Lee's Summit locations, in partnership with the DEA and LSPD.

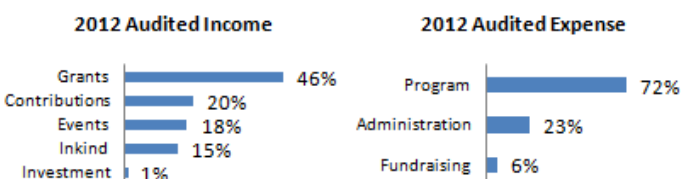
Enforcement

LSPD conducted quarterly checks with 90% compliance by alcohol retailers. 153 MIP citations issued. Eight Party Patrols enforced the Social Hosting ordinance. Officer Grubbs and K-9 Officer Griff conducted 150 searches.

2014 GOALS

- Continue to build relationships and collaborate with organizations of similar missions and goals.
- Increase collaboration with community partners to achieve a diversified funding base.
- Reduce availability of alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs and e-cigarettes to minors.
- Begin pilot program for "Be the Wall" at Summit Lakes Middle School.
- Improve and increase capacity for the anti-bullying program.
- Increase the visibility of parenting programs.
- Improve volunteer options and orientation.

FINANCIALS



THE HIGHLIGHTS

- Implemented a kindergarten anti-bullying program.
- In December received the COMBAT anti-violence grant to offer parent education and family case management using the STRYVE model (Striving to Reduce Community Violence Everywhere).
- LSGT Season 3 reported a record crowd.
- Held Fall Prevention Summit to increase awareness about Missouri legislation to legalize marijuana.
- With the support of the *LS Journal*, published 10 Marijuana Minutes ads to promote prevention facts.
- Hired Monica Meeks as the Prevention Coordinator.
- Named a finalist in the Lee's Summit Chamber Res in Motus - Sanctimonia Division.
- Worked with LS School District to administer Search Institute survey to measure the four core areas: alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and other drugs.
- Updated the Community Safety Survey to be completed in 2014.
- Hosted the Simon Will Production of Forever Kings as a benefit concert for LS CARES.

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OUR MISSION: To direct, support and actively coordinate efforts of the community to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse, promote youth safety, and thereby improve the health and well-being of the community.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



The community anti-drug/alcohol and youth violence task force

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Message from the Director

Lee's Summit CARES is determined to significantly reduce youth alcohol and substance abuse and reduce youth violence. This goal directs all our decisions. In analyzing the success of the coalition we consider how to impact the largest demographic of the community and what specific programs are needed for youth and adults. One of our agency's strengths is that we have twelve individuals on our Board of Directors to represent twelve different sectors—faith, city, business, public safety, parent, education, media, youth, recreation, civic, health and citizen—who all have a voice. Working with members from each sector helps craft the best possible response to community issues. As the community continues to grow and technology use increases, we are addressing new problems that impact our youth and families.

- In addition to alcohol and tobacco, we are concerned about prescription drugs, synthetic drugs and marijuana.
- Vaping and e*cigarettes are now available, but not regulated.
- Funding was cut to Missouri State Liquor Control, and this puts all the regulation expenses of alcohol retailers on the LSPD.
- As technology use increases, so does the number of youth victimized by cyber-bullying.
- Increasing population and demographic changes have increased the number of youth with behavioral health issues living in the community.
- Our community has seen an increased need of Human Services.

Lee's Summit CARES has proven to be a viable prevention organization that provides the means to fund programs to assist with local problems, ensures fiscal responsibility, believes in the integrity of our community and shows compassion to all residents. Our core values are respect, responsibility, collaboration and appreciation. Lee's Summit CARES believes in protecting youth and supporting families to live healthy and successful lives.

-- Roby Little, Director